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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF PLENARY SESSIONS PM
OF JUNE 6 AND AM OF JUNE 7 (NO SESSION HELD AM JUNE 6).

2. SOLE SPEAKER PM JUNE 6 WAS EGYPTIAN REP WHO CONFINED
REMARKS TO ANTI- ISRAEL DIATRIBE CONCERNING AGGRESSION
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RECENTLY IN LEBANON. EGYPT
ALSO COMPLAINED OF ISRAELI " LOOTING" OF OIL FROM SINAI
AND BLAMED ISRAEL FOR CLOSURE OF SUEZ CANAL WITH
RESULTING LOSSES TO LDC' S ESTIMATED AT \$1.7 BILLION.
EGYPT REQUESTED COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION CONDEMNING
ISRAEL UNDER PARAGRAPH 5 OF IDS. EGYPT ALSO EXPRESSED
INDIGNATION THAT ISRAEL IS LISTED AS LDC IN MANY ECOSOC
AND UNCTAD DOCUMENTS DESPITE HIGH PER- CAPITA INCOME AND
HIGH DEGREE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION. PLENARY SESSION WAS
ADJOURNED AFTER EGYPTIAN STATEMENT TO ALLOW CO- SPONSORS
TO MEET TO COMPLETE WORK ON REVISION OF DOCUMENT L. 4.
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3. AT PLENARY MORNING OF JUNE 7, U. S. OPENED SESSION BY
INTRODUCING U. S. PROPOSAL FOR RESOLUTION AND SUMMARY
STATEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT L.5.
DISCUSSION ENSURED REGARDING PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED

FOR REMAINDER OF COMMITTEE'S WORK AND NATURE OF DOCUMENT TO BE SENT TO ECOSOC. CANADA STRESSED THAT INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR REACTION FROM CAPITALS PREVENTED ACCEPTANCE OF NEW WORKING PAPER NO. 1 (REVISION OF L.4) AND SUGGESTED IT BE SENT TO ECOSOC AS UNAGREED TEXT ALONG WITH SUMMARY RECORD AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF MEETING. AGREED THAT EFFORT WOULD BE MADE AT SEEKING CONSENSUS IN PM AND EVENING SESSIONS OF INFORMAL GROUP.

4. CHAIRMAN THEN MOVED TO ITEM 5, " PREPARATIONS FOR 1975 MID- TERM REVIEW." AFTER BRIEF REMARK BY SPAIN EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT THAT LITTLE USE WAS MADE OF NATIONAL RESPONSES TO LAST YEAR'S NOTE VERBALE BY SECRETARY- GENERAL ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND CONCERN RE SUB- GROUP STUDY, U. S. MADE SEVEN- POINT STATEMENT WHICH SERVED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. POINTS INCLUDED: (1) DISAPPOINTMENT THAT ONLY 31 COUNTRIES RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY- GENERAL'S NOTE VERBALE; (2) FACT THAT SECTORAL REVIEWS WERE VERY UNEVEN AND USG GUESS THAT SECRETARIAT MIGHT PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO SECTORAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR MID- TERM REVIEW; (3) SUGGESTION THAT REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROCESS ITSELF COULD BE RECONSIDERED AND ITS METHODOLOGY REVISED; (4) SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARIAT PREPARE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF POSITIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS AND UN TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGY, INCLUDING STATISTICAL APPENDIX COVERING KEY ECONOMIC DATA AND STATUS OF QUANTITATIVE TARGETS; (5) PROPOSAL THAT CDP UNDERTAKE FURTHER STUDY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS SUCH AS NET BENEFICIAL PRODUCT AND POVERTY DATUM LINE AS WELL AS STUDY OF APPROPRIATE LDC SUB- GROUPS AND SUB- TARGETS; (6) REQUEST FOR SECRETARIAT TO COMPILE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTIONS WITHIN UN FAMILY IN R& A CONTEXT INCLUDING STATUS OF CONSIDERATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REACHED. EXAMPLES GIVEN WERE STUDY OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, CLASSIFICATION AND QUANTIFICATION STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, UNCLASSIFIED

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UNCTAD STUDIES ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND STATUS OF TRADE AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS; (7) SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE A SPECIAL TECHNICAL SESSION OF R& A COMMITTEE IN 1974 TO REVIEW STATUS OF MID- TERM REVIEW.

5. NETHERLANDS, U. K., SWEDEN, JAPAN FAVORED U. S. PROPOSALS. NETHERLANDS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CDP PARTICIPATION IN 1974 AND 1975 PREPARATIONS AND SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED PAPERS ON (1) LONG- TERM PROGNOSIS OF COMMODITY MARKETS AND (2) STATUS OF COMPLIANCE WITH 0.7 ODA TARGET. JAPAN SUPPORTED U. S. SUGGESTION FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF R& A COMMITTEE IN 1974 ADDING THAT IT SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF MEETINGS OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND ROLE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT. ARGENTINA AND USSR EXPRESSED

CONCERN ABOUT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEETING IN 1974 AND PAKISTAN AND USSR PREFERRED TO ALLOW ECOSOC ITSELF TO MONITOR STATUS OF MID- TERM REVIEW IN 1974 INSTEAD OF SPECIAL SESSION OF R & A COMMITTEE. SOVIETS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT COMMITTEE' S MANDATE CALLS FOR IT TO MEET BIENNIALY AND DOES NOT AUTHORIZE IT TO ESTABLISH SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

6. TURKEY COMMENTED ON CATEGORIES OF COUNTRIES IN CDP PAPER AND COMPLAINED THAT TURKEY WAS LISTED AS DEVELOPED COUNTRY DESPITE LOW- PER- CAPITA INCOME AND 60 PERCENT LITERACY RATE WHICH WOULD QUALIFY IT AS LDC.

7. BRAZIL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT U. S. SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER WORK ON SOCIAL INDICATORS AND LDC SUB- GROUPS AND FELT THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE OR ECOSOC.

8. U. S. RESPONDED TO VARIOUS COMMENTS ON OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION FOR MID- TERM REVIEW, POINTING OUT THAT ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1748 CALLS FOR FURTHER WORK ON SOCIAL INDICATORS. REGARDING 1974 MEETING OF R & A COMMITTEE, WE STRESSED THAT WE ENVISAGED INFORMAL TECHNICAL SESSION LASTING TWO TO THREE DAYS WHICH WOULD NOT BE OBLIGED TO REPORT IN WRITING TO ECOSOC AND WHICH WOULD COST VERY LITTLE. WE ALSO STRESSED NEED TO PREPARE FOR MEETING FROM POINT OF VIEW OF DELEGATES NEED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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